

*to St John Church of
Christ*

Bulletin

March 10, 2024

For The Church



In reading through Colossians I noticed a repeating phrase, “always be thankful.” Reflecting on that, it is easy to see how this is foundational to our Christian experience. Gratitude is an acknowledgement of our indebtedness to another.

In the context of our walk of faith, we are talking about our indebtedness to God. Paul instructs his followers in Philippi (4:6), “Do not worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks.” People who identify with Paul’s disciples take seriously this concept of prayer and gratitude. We speak with God about everything that happens in our world. We offer quick prayers in times of urgency, sometimes about issues with others around us, sometimes as trivial as finding our lost keys. We offer more lengthy, detailed prayers when facing crises, health issues, financial issues, and relational issues. We acknowledge a sovereign God, a giver of life, our source of comfort and the source of our sustenance. We, during times of prayer, thank God because we understand that he cares for us (1 Pet 5:7).

Gratitude is the natural outcome of prayer. As God addresses our concerns, hears our discomfort, and soothes our distress, we automatically are grateful. Relief is followed by gratitude. We naturally utter, “Thank God” in the times when soothing calm washes over us after the resolution of difficulty. Many of us spend additional time thanking God during our reflective prayers as we review the interventions of God in our day. In teaching our children and grandchildren to pray, we remind them to talk about things they are thankful for, like momma, daddy, siblings, cousins, and even pets. Children are likely to go into detail in prayers, thanking God for the mountains, oceans, and favorite toys. Learn from their prayers.

Be thankful always.

In Our Prayers

Emersyn Milton
Thomas Pruitt
Shannon Bauer
Elmer Schuette
Carol Gingrich
Madison Cole
Rick Rodness

Susan Mayer (Chet’s sister)
Truitt Family
Ronnie Harris (Zach’s grandpa)
Audie Thornburg
Brayden Smith
Megan Duntz
Chris Ortego

Shari Soukup
Alyson Rice
Zeb Carter
Juanita (Abby’s Mother)
Rick Toland

Upcoming Events

New Ministry [Tonight]

We will be starting a new ministry on Sunday evening, March 10. This ministry is geared toward our young families, but anyone is welcome to attend. We will share a meal together (it will be provided) and have some fellowship time together. We plan to meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month starting at 5:00 PM. This month we will be at the Stafford Church of Christ. Childcare is provided.

Women Walking with God [April 12-13]

The annual WWWG Conference is scheduled to be held at the Maize Performing Arts & Aquatics Center this year. Registration is \$55 for adult women and \$35 for those 25 years & younger. The church will pay for your registration; contact Richard Brensing. For more information, go to the website: WomenWalkingWithGod.org

Birthdays this week:

Orvalee Aldrich - March 11
Meagan Feril - March 12
Misty Rudy - March 13
Aliya Carter - March 15
Joe Cornwell - March 15
Gary Hornbaker - March 15
Adam Holmes - March 16

Save the Date:

March 29-30 - LTC in Kansas City
April 7 - Congregation Singing Hosted Here
April 12-13 - Women Walking with God

Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Carl & Janet Feril

Song Leader: Richard Brensing

Sound System: Quinn Palmer

Gathering: #578 - We Will Glorify

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Landon Marks (Psalm 93:1-5)

Shepherd's Prayer: Carl Feril

Song: #286 - Wonderful Story of Love

Song: #364 - Come Share the Lord

Communion: Chris Mansel

Song: #679 - 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (vs. 1, 2, and 4)

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #915 - Trust and Obey (vs. 1 and 5)

Closing Prayer: Zach Marks

Sundays: Bible classes for all ages @ 10:00 am
Worship service for everyone @ 11:00 am
Elders: Tom Turner, Richard Brensing, Terry Sallee, Carl Feril
Deacons: Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril
Minister: Zeborah Carter